

House Resolution 1241

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Richardson of the 19th, Brooks of the 63rd, Williams of the 165th, Porter of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of State Representative Henry Howard and inviting his
2 family to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, State Representative Henry Howard passed away unexpectedly on Monday,
4 October 3, 2005, in Augusta at the age of 75; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Howard worked at Davidson's Department Store and J.B.
6 White's Department Store before founding Howard's Enterprises, which included Howard's
7 Upholstery, Uniforms Unlimited, and Tina's Shoe Gallery, and he was a gospel music
8 promoter, one of the founders of the Spirits of Harmony gospel quartet, and the executive
9 producer of the television show, "Parade of Quartets," which is in its fifty-first year; and

10 WHEREAS, he began his political career as a member of the Richmond County Board of
11 Commissioners, where he served from 1985 to 1990, and he was elected to the Georgia
12 General Assembly in 1990, where he served as a member of the House of Representatives
13 until his death; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Howard served on numerous committees during his 14 year
15 tenure, always representing his constituents and the people of the State of Georgia with
16 intelligence and dignity, and as a small business owner, he understood the challenges and
17 needs of the average citizen; and

18 WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a consensus builder, often a voice of calm in the
19 storm, and he advised younger representatives on the importance of knowing when to
20 compromise and when to fight and never to turn a political battle into a personal attack on
21 an opponent; and

1 WHEREAS, perhaps his highest praise comes from his loving wife, Earnestine, who said,
2 "He was a true public servant, and he loved helping people, and he was truly the best
3 husband, the best father any man could be - just a true family man."

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body note the passing of State Representative Henry Howard with a
6 mixture of sadness and joy in the resurrection and offer prayers for his grieving family and
7 friends.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the family of State Representative Henry Howard is
9 invited to appear before this body on a date and at a time to be designated by the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Earnestine Howard.